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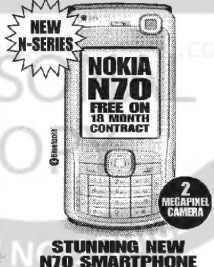
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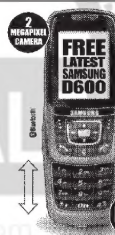
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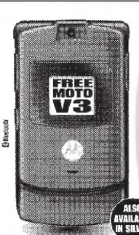
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# FOLLOW THE LEADER

**FEAR ME (9.22)** and **Ronnie's Champion** fought out a terrific finish to the Puppy Classic over C&D when Ronnie's floored the odds-on jolly.

Three months on and Charlie Lister's dog can exact his revenge in the fifth heat of the Bedford Eclipse at Nottingham tonight.

Both have gone their separate ways since that clash with Fear Me staying at home and winning the Manchester Puppy Cup, while Ronnie's Champion had a stab at the Irish Puppy Derby.

That decision appeared justified as Ronnie's Champion was favourite for the competition after two splendid front-running performances in the opening two rounds, only for things to go pear-shaped at the third stage.

That was six weeks ago and Ronnie's Champion has only been on the track once

by **JIM AUSTIN**  
of the **Racing Post**

since, over C&D last week when he looked rusty in finishing only fourth.

It's true that Fear Me has also lined the bookies' pockets the last twice with C&D defeats in the semis and final of the Autumn Puppy Cup last month.

There are those that will be brave and fancy getting both beat.

Especially as they are new to all-aged racing as opposed to being advantaged as matured pups against younger and less experienced sorts.

The returning Roxholme Boy is an alternative but it's Fear Me for us.

Lister can also be on the mark in the final heat over

his Laurels hero **BLONDE BOSS (9.37)**.

The champion trainer has been a critic of trap draws over the years, so he will not be impressed by Blonde

Boss's six-box, given the dog has only just recently been seeded middle from rails.

He has the class and pace to outclass his rivals though.

The competition has class in depth and also marks the return of **BALLYMAC NILOC (8.52)**, cruelly robbed of a place in the Irish Derby semis due to injury.

Carly Philpott's dog moved well in a trial last week and can maximise his trap one draw to score.

It could pay to follow the Rhinewires in the opening two eliminators, with Nottingham sprint stake winner and **RHINCREW STEVIE (8.27)** and persistent **RHINCREW SNOWIE (8.37)** the recommendations, while old favourite **YORKSHIRE (9.07)** can overcome a five-week lay-off in heat four.

**LASER BEAM (7.52)** has been turned over at odds on the last twice, but he is different class in the supporting open over 305m.

A black dog, possibly a Labrador Retriever, is standing on a light-colored wooden floor. The dog is wearing a bright red cape that covers its back and extends down its sides. The dog's head is turned slightly to the right, and its front legs are visible. In the background, there is a white wall with a decorative, possibly carved or painted, pattern. The lighting is bright, casting soft shadows on the floor.

# Imas return for Cowboy

TRAINER Jonjo O'Neill issued an upbeat bulletin on Rhinestone Cowboy as the classy staying hurdler edges closer to a return to racecourse action.

The Grade One-winning nine-year-old has been off since beating stablemate Iris's Gift at Punchestown in April 2004 but could run before Christmas.

"He's done a couple of bits of work and he's doing grand," said O'Neill. "We're very pleased with him and hopefully he will run this side of Christmas but I don't know to be honest."

"He's in great form and it's so far, so good. He'll definitely be staying over hurdles."

The in-form Jackdaws Castle handler also indicated Iris's Gift would be sticking to novice company at the Hennessy meeting at Newbury rather than taking up his engagement in the big race itself.

SIR REMBRANDT has "come back OK"

after being pulled up on his reappearance at Cheltenham.

The Robert Alner-trained gelding has finished second and third in the last two runnings of the Cheltenham Gold Cup and he usually reserves his best performances for the Prestbury Park circuit.

But he was tailed off before being pulled up approaching three out by Andrew Thornton in the Servo Computer Services Trophy Handicap Chase there on Saturday.

"He's fine this morning. He came back OK," Alner said.

"Andrew just said they quickened away from him down the back straight."

"Although he likes soft ground, with the weight his feet got stuck in the mud down the back straight and it being first time out it just found him out a bit."

"I'm not unduly worried about that run, it will have

# RACING ROUND-UP

brought him on a ton and I'd be looking for a much better run next time.

"I want to run him sooner rather than later to take advantage of the run he had yesterday."

"The difficulty is finding races for him. The Rehearsal up at Newcastle (November 26) is an option and I think there is a race at Cheltenham on December 9 (Mears Group Chase) for him."

Alner's other star chaser, Kingscliff, remains on course for the £150,000 Belfair Lancashire Chase at Haydock Park on Saturday when the gelding will be ridden for a second time by Robert Walford.

The eight-year-old ran with considerable promise when second to Ollie Magern on his return in the Charlie Hall Chase last month.

Kingscliff has come on for the Wetherby outing and Alner said: "He is a very big horse, quite a bit

bigger than Sir Rembrandt, and no matter how much you do with him at home a race always brings him on a lot more."

WESTERNER will bid to give French trainer Elie Lellouche his third victory in the Cathay Pacific Hong Kong Vase at Sha Tin next month.

Westerner, winner of the Gold Cup at Royal Ascot at York, rounded off his European campaign with an excellent second to Hurricane Run in the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe.

"Westerner is in great shape and there have been no problems since his second in the Arc," said Lellouche.

"I've already won the Vase on two occasions and been placed on others." The David Elsworth-trained Norse Dancer could figure among Westerner's rivals.

"He's a top horse, the best I have had never to win a Group One," said Elsworth.

## RACING RESULTS

### CHELTHAM

1.05 (2m 40): 1. BLACK JACK KEYCHUM (A P McCoy 13-2); 2. Powerstation (D Russell 11-1); 3. Massini's Colours (R Johnson 4-1). Neptune Collingie 11-4 fav. 2/1. 3/1. 18 ran. Jonjo O'Neill, Temple Guiding.

Total: £7.00; pl £2.40, £3.40, £2.30. exacta: £101.50. tricast: £733.70. csf: £71.19.

1.35 (2m 5f): 1. HORDAGO (B C Byrnes 12-1); 2. Il Duce (Thornton 12-1); 3. Don O'Gravel (P J Brennan 25-1); 4. Manx Royal (T Scudamore 33-1). Pennewise Bay Nippy Des Mottes 11-4 fav. Hd, 8/1. 23 ran. E McNamara, IRELAND.

Total: £15.20; pl £3.60, £2.90, £9.30, £7.10. exacta: £271.10. tricast: £54.95. NR: The Market Man. 1.26 (2m): 1. ACORN O'RON (E Toile 5-2 fav); 2. Tamarinebleu (A P McCoy 3-1); 3. Alubera (R Walsh 9-1). Sbd, 6/1. 10 ran. Nolan, IRELAND.

Total: £3.40; pl £1.70, £1.70, £1.90. exacta: £13.40. tricast: £7.60. csf: £10.06.

2.40 (2m): 1. LINGO (A P McCoy 5-1); 2. Tamarinebleu (C Llewellyn 50-1); 3. Phar Bleu (R Walsh 8-1); 4. Adamant Approach (D J Casey 25-1). Power Elite 7-2 fav. 3/1, 1/4. 19 ran. Jonjo O'Neill, Temple Guiding.

Total: £6.80; pl £2.20, £10.90, £2.50, £4.70. exacta: £414.80. tricast: £2,083.10. csf: £242.68. tricast: £1,896.23. NR: Admiral Fenix. 3.15 (2m 4f): 1. BANNON STRAND (T J Murphy 11-8 fav); 2. Shako (R Johnson 7-1); 3. Mark Equal (T Scudamore 20-1); 4. Dantes Reef (A P McCoy 14-1). 8/1, 8/1. 16 ran. M Pice, Wellington.

Total: £2.50; pl £1.20, £2.00, £4.10, £3.10. exacta: £16.20. tricast: £166.20. csf: £11.67. tricast: £148.37. NR: Melford, Dix Villers, Penthouse Minstrel, Thalys. 3.50 (2m): 1. LEADING CONQUEROR (Mr Johnson 15-5 fav); 2. Tokala (C M Studd 20-1); 3. Midnight Gift (Mr A FitzGerald 50-1). 1/4, 4/1. 19 ran. P Hobbs, Minehead.

Total: £3.00; pl £1.50, £5.50, £11.50. exacta: £94.00. tricast: won. csf: £49.26. NR: Unflinched. QUADROT: £35.50.

PLACETOP: £491.10. JACKPOT: not won, £45,767.57 carried over to Leicester.

### FONTWELL

12.40 (2m 4f): 1. KIPSIGS (A Thornton 25-1); 2. Hibernian (L Aspell 5-1); 3. Jades Double (R Lacey-Butler 66-1). French Envoy 13-8 fav. 3/4, 12/1. 16 ran. Lady Herries, Littlehampton.

17.00 (2m 4f): 1. ALL IN THE STARS (D Jacob 8-1); 2. Classic Native (B Fenton 11-4 fav); 3. Hazeljag (James Davies 25-1). Brave Spirit 11-4 fav. 8/1, 11 ran. D Keane, Shaftesbury.

Total: £9.70; pl £2.50, £1.70, £4.90. exacta: £46.20. csf: £30.33. tricast: £33.34.

2.55 (2m 2f): 1. CRITICAL STAGE (C Honour 9-4 fav); 2. Shaman (J E Moore 7-1); 3. Outen Broad (L Aspell 6-1). 5/1, 1/4. 11 ran. J Frost, Buckfastleigh.

Total: £2.70; pl £1.50, £1.70, £2.50. exacta: £16.80. csf: £17.46.

3.30 (2m 2f): 1. JULES BOY (W McCarthy 5-1); 2. Mystical Star (L Aspell 11-4 fav); 3. Wild Power (C Nemes 16-1). 6/1, 20/1. 11 ran. George Slad.

Total: £10.00; pl £2.50, £1.90, £2.90. exacta: £34.80. csf: £20.05. tricast: £210.23.

4.00 (2m 2f): 1. FESTIVE CHIMES (O Neil 8-1); 2. Javed (P Stringer 25-1); 3. Wenger (P Hide 10-1). Honey's Gift 7-2 fav. 7/4, 8/1. 10 ran. N B King, Newmarket.

Total: £5.70; pl £1.90, £5.70, £4.00. exacta: £120.90. csf: £113.45. tricast: £444.92. NR: Park City, Isam Top.

QUADROT: £281.70. PLACETOP: £126.60.

1.15 (2m): 1. BAUTIFUL VISION (S M McEvoy 7-4 fav); 2. Victor Victorious (D F Flannery 7-1); 3. Well Dressed (G J Grogan 14-1). 3/1, 2/1. 16 ran. T Haufe, IRELAND.

Total: £3.20; pl £1.80, 1.70, 6.90, 4.10. exacta: £44.30. csf: 19.39. NR: Lerroy Hero Again, Raoul Dufy. 1.45 (2m): 1. FIVESTAR ALSTARS (Miss N Carberry 11-2); 2. Contact Dancer (Mr L P Flynn 9-4 fav); 3. Cnoc An Einn (Mr A T Duff 13-2). 4/4, 4/4. 17 ran. P Goulding.

2.00 (2m 4f): 1. N. CANOR (D F O'Regan 7-4 fav); 2. Cane Brake (J R Barry 7-2); 3. Tardoneis (A E Meade, IRELAND). Total: £2.70; pl £1.50, 1.30, 2.70. exacta: 13.30. csf: 8.54.

1.30 (2m 4f): 1. SOLERINA (G T Hutchinson 4-8 fav); 2. Back In Front (B J Geraghty 9-4); 3. Prince Of Tara (K B Bowen 25-1). 4/1, 7/1. 8 ran. J. Bower, IRELAND.

Total: £5.90; pl £1.10, 1.60, 3.20. exacta: 3.20. csf: 2.74. NR: Royal Paradise.

2.00 (2m): 1. O'MURIC-HEARTAIGH (B J Geraghty 4-5 fav); 2. Alpha Royale (Arinda J McNamara 100-30); 3. Up Above (A E Lynch 8-1). 4/1, 3/4. 5 ran. E O'Grady, IRELAND.

Total: £7.70; pl £1.10, 2.00. exacta: 3.30. csf: 4.47.

2.30 (2m 7f): 1. ROMAHA (B J Geraghty 8-1); 2. Ransboro (Andrew J McNamara 11-1). Cooper's Rose 4-1 fav. 7/4, 14/1. 14 ran. S Mahon, IRELAND.

Total: £6.90; pl £2.30, 2.10, 6.50. exacta: 49.00. csf: 57.10. tricast: 488.29.

1.00 (2m): 1. CENTRAL HOUSE (Mr R Loughran 8-1); 2. Moscow Flyer (B J Geraghty 4-11 fav); 3. H Cleary (Andrew J McNamara 5-1). Total: £5.90; pl £1.10, 2.20, 1.60. exacta: 5.40. csf: 4.43.

4.00 (2m): 1. FREEMANTLE DOCTOR (Mr R H Fowler 7-2 fav); 2. Mullies Lad (Mr P Fahy 5-1); 3. Im A Witness (R J Kieley 33-1). 2/1, 3/1. 23 ran. J. Fowler, IRELAND.

Total: £4.40; pl £1.30, 1.40, 17.30, 4.60. exacta: 22.70.

PLACETOP: £3.90. JACKPOT: £284.60.

13 ran. J C Poulton, Newmarket.

2.20 (2m 4f): 1. ENTRANCED (T Eaves 20-1); 2. Green Lemon (J Fortune 15-8 fav); 3. Born Wild (K Fallon 5-2). Hd, 7/4. 12 ran. Miss J A Canacho, Malton.

Total: £18.70; pl £3.00, £1.50, £2.00. exacta: £80.30. csf: £54.53.

NR: Sea Sprite. 8.00 (6f): 1. GILDED COVE (C Gibbons 6-1); 2. After The Show (C Catlin 16-1); 3. Wicked Uncle (J Fortune 6-1). Divine Spirit 4-1 fav. 7/2, Nk. 12 ran. R Hollinshead, Upper Longdon.

Total: £6.60; pl £2.30, £4.00, £2.20. exacta: £84.60. csf: £88.80. tricast: £601.59. NR: General Feeling.

9.00 (1m 1f): 1. BHOU DAN (T Eaves 16-1); 2. Stellite (F Lynch 9-2); 3. Sling Back (Martin Dwyer 12-1). Burhan even fav. Hd, 7/4. 13 ran. I Semple, Carlisle.

Total: £19.00; pl £3.80, £3.00, £2.60. exacta: £151.70. csf: £145.96. tricast: £1,171.31.

9.30 (1m 1f): 1. DESERT LEADER (Martin Dwyer 9-2); 2. Khanjar (J Fortune 7-2 fav); 3. Easy Laughter (K Fallon 4-1). 1/2, Nk. 12 ran. W Brisbane, Nesscliffe.

Total: £5.70; pl £2.60, £2.60, £1.90. exacta: £27.90. csf: £21.14. tricast: £71.00. NR: Wynn Rooney. QUADROT: £30.10.

PLACETOP: £243.30.

1.00 (2m): 1. THE RAILWAY MAN (C O'Dwyer 4-7 fav); 2. Django (T P Treacy 4-1); 3. Zuma See (D O'Regan 6-1). 1/4, 1/4. 11 ran. A L Moore, IRELAND.

# HOUSE DOWNS FLYER

**CENTRAL HOUSE** produced a major upset by beating dual Queen Mother Champion Chase hero Moscow Flyer in the Fortria Chase at Navan yesterday.

The two had the race to themselves from the start and they jumped the final fence together.

But Central House, trained by Dessie Hughes and ridden by amateur Roger Loughran, proved the stronger on the run in to come home three and a half

lengths clear of the 4-11 favourite. The two leaders appeared to stumble on the turn to the third-last fence but they quickly recovered.

Barry Geraghty asked Moscow Flyer to go past Central House two out in a bid to win this race for the third successive year.

However, the 11-year-old could not shake off his younger rival and he had nothing more to give after jumping the last, although

trainer Jessica Harrington was not downcast in defeat.

"I'm not disappointed, he needed the run," she said.

"We'll now be going for the Tingle Creek at Sandown on December 3."

Geraghty also felt Moscow Flyer needed the race.

"If it's going to happen any day, it's going to be on his first day back," he said. "He felt great all the way through and he jumped brilliant. I gave him a

blow at the second-last. If you give him a squeeze there he usually picks up and goes on again. He felt like he just needed it."

Solerina had little trouble in making all the running to win the Philips Electronics Lismullen Hurdle for the second successive year.

Gary Hutchinson was able to dictate affairs on the 4-6 favourite, who came home four lengths clear of Back In Front with Prince Of Tara third.

**CLOSE CALL:** Central House, right, leads Moscow Flyer in the early stages

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9	5F2U11 SOVEREIGN GALE (575)(G) Miss T McMurich 11 10 7	O McPhail
10	43300-3 RUDE HEALTH (27) N Hewke 5 10 6	P Brennan
11	PP04-3 SEVENEIGHTS (4)(V) D Wink 5 10 0	Mr R Cummings(7)

Star Betting:— 9-4 Sweet Oona, 5 Nice Baby, 6 Sevensights, 8 Ishka Baha, Hilarious, 10 The Wife's Sister, 12 Esplindos, Sovereign Gale, 16 others.

2004: Farnie Isle, 5-11-12, (N Hannity)(3), 5-1 G Barker, 11 ran.

**STARFORM: ESPLINDOS Danger: Sweet Oona**

### 1.50 LADBROKES.COM SELLING HURDLE

Class G (9 flights) 2m (12 runners) £2,857		
1	0- BLUE MARINER (F151)(T) Jay 5 11 7	J P McNamara
2	62483-2 RIFLEMAN (018)(T) R Gray 5 11 7	A Thornton
3	0- ROAN RAIDER (R1) R C Guest 5 11 7	P C O'Neill(5)
4	0- ST BARCHAN (F56) A Jukes 4 11 7	O McPhail
5	0005- ZABADOU (359) F Kirby 4 11 7	K Johnson
6	560-0 VARUNI (22) F L Carter 4 11 0	T Burrows(10)
7	40- DARKO KARIM (F7)(V) R Hodges 3 10 5	Christian Williams
8	0- JENNA STANNIS (F40) R M Beckard 3 10 0	P Merrigan(5)
9	0- LORNA DUNE (17)(P) J G O'Shea 3 10 0	T Doyle
10	11 F40 STRATHAY (20)(V) M Pipe 3 10 0	T J Murphy
11	4B2024 TIME FOR YOU (R) J Burt 3 10 0	W Marston
12	0- LORNA DUNE (17)(P) J G O'Shea 3 10 0	T J Murphy

Star Betting:— 6-4 Strathay, 5-2 Rifleman, 4 Time For You, 10 Lorna Dune, 16 Zando, 20 St Barchan, 25 Blue Mariner, Varuni, 33 others.

2004: Figaro du Rocher, 4-11-13, (T Scudamore, 8-15 fav M Pipe, 6 ran.

**STARFORM: STRATHAY Danger: Rifleman**

### 2.20 LADBROKES.COM NOVICES CHASE

Class D (12 fences) 2m (6 runners) £5,439		
1	2252-1 ALLUMEE (39)(D,F) P Hobbs 6 11 5	R Johnson
2	30260-1 DETONATEUR (44)(G) Williams 7 11 5	Paul Moloney
3	6-330-1 LORD LINGTON (41)(D,S) D Wink 6 11 5	W Marston
4	130-0 BLAISE WOOD (11)(D,G,T) A Forbes 4 10 7	T Burrows(10)
5	P52-00 MOORLAW (32) D McLean 4 10 7	S J Crane(5)
6	11438 RHAPSODY ROSE (17)(D,G,S) P Webber 4 10 0	T Doyle

Star Betting:— 11-5 Detonateur, 7-4 Allumee, 6 Lord Lington, Rhapsody Rose, 25 Moorlaw, 33 Blaize Wood.

2004: Vista Verde, 6-11-0, (R Thornton, 7-1) A King, 8 ran.

**STARFORM: ALLUMEE Danger: Detonateur**

### 2.50 LADBROKES.COM HANDICAP HURDLE

Class D (9 flights) 2m (10 runners) £7,873		
1	24102-1 ZIMBABWE (579)(G)	E Dehdashti (7)
2	24102-1 G L Moore 5 11 12	
3	260P-0 MOBASHIR (236)(D2,S)	A O'Keefe
4	01220-1 DARYAL (244)(S)	R Thornton
5	A King 4 11 10	
6	PAPILLON DE IENA (146)(G)	
7	M Pipe 5 11 9	
8	CHARLTON KINGS (9)(D,F,G,S)	T J Murphy
9	R Hodges 7 11 7	R Johnson
10	HARRYCAT (F75)(D,F)(P)	
11	V Smith 4 11 1	Paul Moloney
12	JUST SUPERB (14)(D2,G,S)	
13	A Pritchard 6 10 9	T Greenway
14	GHADAMES (177)(CD,D,F,G,S)(P)	P C O'Neill(5)
15	R C Guest 11 10 9	
16	HADITOVSKI (14)(D8,G,S)(V)	F King
17	J Mackie 9 10 8	
18	KILLING ME SOFTLY (14)(CD,D,S)(V)	
19	J Gallagher 4 10 4	Christian Williams

Star Betting:— 5 Zimbabwe, 11-2 Harrycat, 13-2 Daryal, Just Superb, 7 Papillon de Iena, Ghadames, 8 Charlton Kings, 10 others.

2004: Forest Chief, 8-10-11, (T J Murphy, 9-2) E Williams, 8 ran.

**STARFORM: GHADAMES Danger: Harrycat**

### TONY LEWIS

Class F (15 fences) 2m4f/4 (11 runners) £4,148		
1	1250 UMBRELLA MAN	
2	ESPLINDOS (nap)	
3	1.50 STRATHAY	
4	2.20 DETONATEUR	
5	2.50 GHADAMES	
6	3.20 PRINCE ROSCOE	
7	3.50 RIGHTS OF MAN	

GOING: Good to Firm-Good in Places

JACKPOT: & PLACEPOT: First six races.

## FORM

### 12.50 race

UMBRELLA MAN looked as if he were about to give Mini Dare a race when looming up behind the leaders on the final circuit on his return after a 94-day absence. However, the lack of a recent outing took its toll but his 13-2nd at Huntingdon (3m, good/soft) was still a worthy effort and improvement can be expected. The yard has been in decent form and he may find Baikaline posing the main threat. She comes here on the back of two sound performances at Aintree, behind Lonesome Man in June and a more recent 2nd to Nitix Fox last month. Consistent Ultimate Limit is another to consider after success at Huntingdon (3m, good/firm) and then a 2nd to Lord Anner at Wincanton (2m2f, good), though a 4th hike for getting beat seems harsh. Any money for Geton would be of interest while Sir Cumference hails from an informal stable.

### 1.20 race

ESPLINDOS looks well treated on her handicap debut and the booking of Tammy Murphy also looks significant. She had Penneyrose Bay behind when 3rd to Inch Pride at Pontwell (2m2f, soft) and with that horse rated over 100, her mark of 90 today suggests she has an outstanding chance. The yard also opened their account for the season yesterday at Pontwell. Sweet Oona may give her most to think about. She has solid placed form but that is exactly her problem. She finds it difficult to win and has finished 2nd or 3rd in seven of her eight starts over hurdles. Sevensights has suggested she has a race of the class within her grasp but is out of the handicap this afternoon. Sweet Oona may give her most to think about. She has solid placed form but that is exactly her problem. She finds it difficult to win and has finished 2nd or 3rd in seven of her eight starts over hurdles. Sevensights has suggested she has a race of the class within her grasp but is out of the handicap this afternoon.

### 2.50 race

GHADAMES reverts back to hurdles on a rating 13lb lower than when scoring over fences at Stratford (2m, soft) back in May. He is the most exposed runner in the field but the yard is capable of getting him ready after a break and he has a useful conditional taking 5lb off his back. The class act is Zimbabwe but he has been off for 579 days and there must be a question mark over him. The market will probably be the best guide to his chance and any support would be significant. Perhaps, Harrycat will pose more of a problem. He has been out on the Flat in August which followed a victory at Stratford (2m, good/firm) where he was able to dictate the pace and pinch a lead to defeat Dewasenth half a length with Darrins back in 2nd. The form has worked out well and he remains capable of better. Haditovski is difficult to catch right but has the ability at this level.

### TRACKFACTS

Right-hand rectangular track of one mile six furlongs with a run-in of about ten fencs and seven hurdles per circuit a stiff test for any horse.

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**1.30 MEDIAN ACTION MAIDEN STAKES**

 (7) 2YO 1m110yds (13 run) £1,490  
 1 (3) 0 ALSTAR JOHN (7) (M) G. McKinnon  
 2 (10) 0 BEAUCHAMP UNITED (11) (G) D. Gibbons  
 3 (7) 4523 IS IT ME (49) (P) B. Dwyer  
 4 (4) 2 MIGHTY KITCHENER (16) (P) H. Wainwright

 5 (12) 033 MR EXCEL (16) (J) A. Osborne  
 6 (2) 0000 PUNJABI (16) (M) G. R. 9.0  
 7 (13) 0 ALLOUETTE (10) (J) E. S. 9.0  
 8 (9) 0 BECKY'S DANCER (14) (J) B. Swarbrick

 9 (1) FAIRYTALE OF YORK (2) (C) D. 8.9  
 10 (6) 0030 FLYING PENNE (16) (P) D. 8.9  
 11 (6) 0 LYNFORD LADY (16) (P) D. 8.9  
 12 (11) 0500 PARTY BELLE (32) (C) B. 8.9  
 13 (8) 0560 RAMBLING SOCKS (32) (S) B. 8.9

 Star Betting:— 2 Mighty Kitchener, 11-4 Mr Excel, 6 Beauchamp United, 7 Is It Me, 14 Flying Penne, 20 others.  
 BEST DRAWN: Flying Penne (dr 5) & Mr Excel (dr 12) 14%  
 2004: Gallantian, 5-0, (E. Ahern, 2-1 fav) G. A. Butler, drawn (2), 12 ran.

**S: MIGHTY KITCHENER Dr: Mr Excel**
**2.00 BETDIRECT BANDED STKS (DIV 1)**

 (7) 1m110yds (13 runners) £1,437  
 1 (8) 232432 SHOW ME THE LOLLY (6) (P) M. 5.5

 2 (1) 00000-1 MAD MAURICE (42) (G) B. 4.9  
 3 (3) 252402 ROTUMA (20) (G, S, B) M. 4.9  
 4 (11) 065403 ADOBE (65) (C, A, F, G) B. 4.9

 5 (7) 040000 MY BOO (7) (T) K. 3.2  
 6 (13) 045303 PHOENIX EYE (23) (C, A, F) M. 3.2  
 7 (12) 000100 WANNA SHOUT (12) (C, A, F) R. 3.2

 8 (2) 000000 AMBERLINA (51) (P) M. 3.2  
 9 (9) 005303 GUADIANA (30) (A) C. 3.1  
 10 (8) 005300 ZANTERO (16) (P) B. 3.1  
 11 (10) 200000 SUCCESSOR (30) (P) M. 3.1  
 12 (9) 000040 YOUS SINCERELY (2) (P) B. 3.1

 13 (4) 066422 SHEKAN STAR (23) (B, F, G) K. 3.1  
 Star Betting:— 5-2 Mad Maurice, 9-2 Shekan Star, 6 Phoenix Eye, 7 Rotuma, 8 Show Me The Lolly, 16 others.  
 BEST DRAWN: Guadiana (dr 5) & Wanana Shout (dr 12) 14%  
 2004: Cumbrian Princess, 7-8-11, (R. Thomas), 16-1 M. Blanshard, drawn (3), 13 ran.

**S: SHEKAN STAR Dr: Mad Maurice**
**2.30 INTERACTIVE BANDED STAKES**

 (7) 1m14f (12 runners) £1,420  
 1 (2) 002503 BOBERING (23) (B) S. 1.1  
 2 (12) 021433 BRENNIE (41) (V) V. 1.1  
 3 (8) 061552 BULBERRY HILL (23) (B, F, A) S. 1.1

 4 (4) 036510 COURANT D'AIR (11) (B, S) L. 1.1  
 5 (10) 004506 DANGER BIRD (21) (C, A) J. 1.1  
 6 (9) 056000 ICE AND FIRE (30) (T) S. 1.1  
 7 (8) 045203 LUCIFER (P) S. 1.1  
 8 (1) 040454 SUSIEDEL (11) (V) N. 1.1  
 9 (3) 300000 DANCING SHIRAZ (13) (P) S. 1.1  
 10 (11) 060223 DEGREE OF HONOR (2) (J) S. 1.1

 11 (5) 300006 EWAR FINCH (20) (C) N. 1.1  
 12 (7) 0006 MACKMAGGOOLE (37) (B, F) S. 1.1  
 Star Betting:— 3 Bulberr Hill, 11-2 Brennie, 7 Lucifer, 8 Susie Del, 9 Bobering, 10 Danger Bird, 16 others.  
 BEST DRAWN: Ice And Fire (dr 4) 10%  
 2004: Bravely Does It, 4-9-5, (E. Ahern, 7-2 fav) W. B. Briscoe, drawn (3), 12 ran.

**STARFORM: BRENNIE Dgr: Bulberr Hill**
**3.00 BET DIRECT BANDED STAKES**

 Class 7 6f (13 runners) £1,471  
 1 (9) 000004 AUENTRAUL (20) (C) M. 5.5

 2 (5) 004020 MUSICAL TONTO (7) (B, F) G. 4.5  
 3 (2) 000330 TARPAN TOMMY (102) (B, F) S. 4.5  
 4 (10) 000502 SHOLTO (7) (D, F, S) J. 4.5  
 5 (8) 030625 BOB MAGGIE (11) (T) P. 4.5

 6 (12) 025512 DESERTINA (9) (D, A, F) R. 4.5  
 7 (3) 000010 ANTNECESSARY (20) (D, A, F) B. 4.5  
 8 (13) 000652 GOLDEN SPECTRUM (20) (D, A, F) G. 4.5  
 9 (11) 002010 LARGES (27) (D, A, F) P. 4.5  
 10 (2) 000022 LEAH'S PRIDE (21) (C) S. 4.5  
 11 (1) 550343 MAGIC AMOUR (21) (D, F, S, B) K. 4.5  
 12 (6) 000000 MELAINA (25) (C, D, A, S, P) P. 4.5  
 13 (7) 200555 MULTAHAB (21) (F, T) M. 4.5

 Star Betting:— 5 Desertina, 6 Golden Spectrum, 7 Magic Amour, 7 Musical, 8 Sholto, 10 others.  
 BEST DRAWN: Sholto (dr 10) 10%, Multahab (dr 7) & Melaina (dr 6) 10%  
 2004: Glencarm Star, 3-9-5, (T. Eaves), 30-21 J. Goldie, drawn (1), 13 ran.

**S: LEAH'S PRIDE Dr: Magic Amour**
**S'FORM: AWAASER Dgr: Cockney Tai**
**NATIONAL HUNT AND ALL-WEATHER TABLES**
**NH TRAINERS**

Wins	%	14 days	Estake
M Pipe	61	16	3879,603
P Hobbs	58	21	3587,434
P Nicholls	49	23	5476,212
Jonjo O'Neill	52	17	3445,468
R C. Guest	37	22	2277,206
P Bowen	31	18	2269,578
N Weston-Davies	27	18	2227,861
S. S. Smith	23	14	2222,439
E Williams	32	19	2213,008
G Moore	27	18	2170,044
Miss V Williams	20	14	2150,356
N Richards	24	14	2135,614
I Williams	13	8	2119,947

**NH JOCKEYS**

Wins	%	14 days	Estake
A McCoy	98	23	9411
R. Johnson	83	20	7444
G Lee	52	14	6449
T Murphy	42	19	1046
Christians Williams	38	15	326
A. Dobbin	37	19	734
T Doyle	33	12	432
P J. Brennan	21	11	239
A Thornton	26	12	733
R Thornton	26	10	428
P. Walsh	25	28	2
J E Moore	25	19	122
C Llewellyn	23	12	125

**FLAT AW TRAINERS**

Wins	%	14 days	Estake
W Higgins	3	50	413
J Sample	3	60	35
C Wall	1	50	12
T Eastairsty	1	100	171
H. Hills	2	100	22
B. Hills	1	9	111
D Elsworth	2	67	23
Peter Gragon	2	20	210
D Ivory	1	17	16
R Hillhead	2	25	28
J Gooden	1	25	14
J Pearce	2	33	26
J Poulton	1	33	13

**FLAT AW JOCKEYS**

Wins	%	14 days	Estake
E. Ahern	5	23	522
A. Eaves	4	31	413
J Egan	4	16	425
G Gibbons	3	27	311
R FitzPatrick	3	23	313
A. Kirby	3	16	319
M Dwyer	3	14	322
J. Fortune	3	13	324
G Morgan	2	33	26
J Quinn	2	12	217
R. Hills	1	100	171
E. Shack	1	50	12
S Donohoe	1	50	12
R Keogh	1	33	13

**TONY LEWIS**

 1.30 MIGHTY KITCHENER 1.30 MR EXCEL  
 2.00 MAD MAURICE 2.00 SHOW ME THE LOLLY  
 3.00 BULBERRY HILL 2.30 SUSIEDEL  
 3.00 MAGIC AMOUR 3.00 MULTAHAB (nap)  
 3.30 LAVO (treble) 3.30 HUMILITY  
 4.00 BOLD PHOENIX 4.00 LOUVE HEUREUSE  
 4.30 AWAASER 4.30 MY LILLI

 ROTTEWELER: 1.30 Mighty Kitchener 2.00 Show Me The Lolly  
 2.00 Mad Maurice 3.00 Leah's Pride 3.30 Fulvio 4.00 Bold Phoenix 4.30 Awaaser.

**GOING: Standard**

PLACEPOT: First six races.

**TRACKFACTS**

 Left-hand oval flat all-weather Polytrack  
 as just under a mile. There is a run-in of two furlongs.  
 Stalls today 71 Outside, Remainder inside.

**3.30 BETDIRECT.CO.UK BANDED STAKES**

 Class 7 7f (12 runners) £1,471  
 1 (8) 644052 FULVIO (49) (C, D, C, D, A, V) P. 5.5

 2 (7) 000501 HUMILITY (21) (D, A) C. 4.9  
 3 (7) 000000 RAFTERS MUSIC (10) (C, A, F, S, S) J. 4.9  
 4 (1) 000000 LUCKY EMERALD (34) (F) B. 4.9  
 5 (11) 000000 MYTTONS DREAM (6) (C, D, A, V) R. 4.9

 6 (6) 500 ORPEN QUEST (93) (M) J. 4.9  
 7 (10) 000400 SIERRA (114) (A) C. 4.9  
 8 (10) 000000 AWARING (37) (D, A, V) D. 4.9  
 9 (3) 104636 CAYMAN BREEZE (21) (D, A, F) B. 4.9

 10 (9) 653002 COLLOSEUM (23) (C, D, A, V) T. 4.9  
 11 (1) 200000 VIBE (9) (P) R. 4.9  
 12 (4) 355001 DANE'S ROCK (70) (A, F) M. 4.9  
 Star Betting:— 7-2 Colloseum, 5 Fulvio, Dane's Rock, 11-2 Humility, Cayman Breeze, 12 Rafters Music, 14 others.

 BEST DRAWN: Rafters Music (drawn 5) 11%, Humility (drawn 7) & Dane's Rock (drawn 4) 10%  
 2004: Countrywide Girl, 5-9-1, (J. Fanning, 10-1) A. Berry, drawn (8), 12 ran.

**STARFORM: COLLOSEUM Dgr: Fulvio**
**4.00 WIN GAMES ON ITV1 BANDED STKS**

 (7) 1m110yds (13 runners) £1,433  
 1 (7) 110500 ANOTHER CON (98) (C, D, A, V) P. 4.11

 2 (8) 060202 BOLD PHOENIX (32) (A) B. 4.11  
 3 (10) 012103 COOLFORE JADE (23) (C, A, F) R. 4.11  
 4 (12) 000400 FLEET ANCHOR (21) (B, A, F) S. 4.11  
 5 (1) 310030 FORTUNES FAVOURITE (42) (C, A, F) S. 4.11

 6 (10) 000400 INESCAPABLE (49) (S) A. 4.11  
 7 (8) 250442 LOUVE HEUREUSE (12) (S) M. 4.11  
 8 (4) 004663 NOW LOOK AWAY (9) (P) E. 4.11  
 9 (5) 004664 PEACE EMBLEM (37) (C, A, F) U. 4.11  
 10 (2) 25546 SCORCHIO (14) (S) S. 4.11  
 11 (3) 300005 SINGLE TRACK MON (30) (F, B) M. 4.11

 12 (11) 230000 SUCCESSOR (30) (S) (T) M. 4.11  
 13 (13) 320000 TROPICAL SON (49) (A) (P) D. 4.11  
 Star Betting:— 3 Bold Phoenix, 7 Louve Heuresse, 8 Fleet Anchor, Scorchio, 10 Coolfores Jade, 12 Anchor (dr 14) 14%  
 2004: Larad, 3-8-12, (E. Ahern, 5-1) J. S. Moore, drawn (10), 12 ran.

**S: BOLD PHOENIX Dr: Fleet Anchor**
**4.30 BETDIRECT BANDED STKS (DIV 2)**

 (7) 1m110yds (13 runners) £1,437  
 1 (3) 220306 GALLAS (10) (V) G. 4.5

 2 (12) 655003 SUPER KING (9) (A) B. 4.5  
 3 (4) 040605 CAUTIOUSLY (30) (F, B) M. 4.5  
 4 (11) 000030 HOLLYWOOD HENRY (49) (F, B) P. 4.5  
 5 (5) 000100 BIG MYSTERY (91) (A) S. 4.5  
 6 (7) 001400 MAGARI (16) (G) W. 4.5  
 7 (10) 235400 MY LILLI (83) (A) P. 4.5  
 8 (10) 001000 RIVER OF DIAMONDS (42) (P) S. 4.5

 9 (6) 602000 SHOWTIME ANNIE (40) (C, A, F) P. 4.5  
 10 (9) 000541 COCKNEY TAI (51) (F) P. 4.5  
 11 (2) 4302 AWAASER (21) (J) A. 4.5  
 12 (13) 0004 EDICT (21) (C) D. 4.5  
 13 (1) 000000 TIGGERS TOUCH (35) (V) A. 4.5

 Star Betting:— 3 Cockney Tai, 4 Awaaser, 11-2 Hollywood Henry, 10 Magari, River of Diamonds (dr 5) & Super King (dr 12) 14%  
 2004: See Division 1.

**S'FORM: AWAASER Dgr: Cockney Tai**
**TONY LEWIS**

 1.40 SASSO 1.40 DUSTY DANE  
 1.40 HILL FORTS HENRY 1.40 CHANCERS DANTE  
 1.40 KILLAGHY CASTLE (nb) 1.40 IDRIIS  
 2.10 WINSLEY 2.10 BALLYROBERT  
 2.40 MARJINA 2.40 LADY OF FORTUNE  
 3.10 ADELPHI THEATRE 3.10 MAJOR MILLER  
 3.40 KOBAL

STARFORM: 1.40 Hill Forts Henry (treble); 1.40 Killaghy Castle (nap); 2.40 Marjina (nb), 2.40 Lady of Fortune 3.10 Avitta 3.40 Kobal.

**GOING: Good to Soft-Soft in Places**

PLACEPOT: First six races.

**TRACKFACTS**

Right-handed course of eleven furlongs. Somewhat undulating in nature with easy turns. There are seven easy fences and five hurdles to a circuit.

**12.40 PARKER STEEL JUVENILE MAIDEN HURDLE**

 Class E (8 flights) 2m1/4f (13 runners) £4,118  
 1 A QUI LE TOUR (F209) M. 3.11

 2 DUSTY DANE (17) W. 3.11  
 3 KIRNAK (F48) M. 3.11  
 4 KING AFTER (F56) J. 3.11  
 5 LORD OF ADVENTURE (F12) M. 3.11  
 6 SASSO (F46) J. 3.11  
 7 SOLE AGENT (F28) G. 3.11  
 8 SUGITAM (F18) N. 3.11  
 9 FEMME D'AVRIL (F158) M. 3.11  
 10 ISTILOVEYOUAFRATER (F27) G. 3.11  
 11 RATHCANNON BEAUTY (F390) M. 3.11  
 12 A Star, Femme D'Avril, 20 Sugitiam, 35 others.

 2004: Young Patriarch, 3-11-0, (N. Fehilly, 7-2) C. Mann, 10 ran.  
 STARFORM: CORKER DANGER: Dusty Dane

**1.10 COLOUR DECOR NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE**

 Class F (19 fences) 3m1f (6 runners) £4,060  
 1 WAYWARD MELODY (16) (F, G)

 2 G. L. Moore 5 11 12  
 3 HILL FORTS HENRY (14) (B, F) (P)  
 4 J. Mullins 10 7  
 5 EBONY JACK (195) (G, T)  
 6 C. Tizzard 8 10 3  
 7 CHANCERS DANTE (9) (F, G, B)  
 8 F. Murphy 9 10 1  
 9 NEW LEADER (14)  
 10 M. Richards 8 10 0

 Star Betting:— 4 Hill Forts Henry, 7-4 Chancers Dante, 5 Ebony Jack, 12 Wayward Melody, 14 Crogan Loch, 16 New Leader.  
 2004: Leith Hill Star, 8-10-9, (L. Aspell, 9-4 fav) R. Rowe, 8 ran.

**STARFORM: HILL FORTS HENRY Dgr: Chancers Dante**
**1.40 NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES' HURDLE**

 Class E (8 flights) 2m1/4f (12 runners) £3,507  
 1 ALPHA GAMBLE (332) (S)

 2 R. Rowe 11 0  
 3 BLACK SHAN (12)  
 4 A. Ennis 5 11 0  
 5 GLASKER MILL (219) (S)  
 6 Miss H Knight 5 11 0  
 7 IDRIIS (16) (A)  
 8 G. L. Moore 4 11 0  
 9 INARO (17) (B, F)  
 10 J. O'Neill 4 11 0  
 11 KILLAGHY CASTLE (18)  
 12 N. Gifford 5 11 0  
 13 LANNIGANS LOCK (207) (B, F)  
 14 R. Rowe 4 11 0  
 15 RIFLE RYDE (13)  
 16 K. Bailey 5 11 0  
 17 SNAKEBITE (243)  
 18 M. Pimman 5 11 0  
 19 THERE IS NO DOUBT (13) (G, S)  
 20 Miss Lucy Bridges 4 11 0  
 21 VICIANA (11) (S)  
 22 Mrs L. Wacham 6 11 0  
 23 WALTER (14)  
 24 P. Winkworth 6 11 0

 Star Betting:— 3 Killaghy Castle, 4 Inaro, Viciana, 5 Idriis, 7 Snakebite, 10 Glasker Mill, 16 Alpha Gamble, 20 others.  
 2004: One Cornetto, 5-11-0, (Mr J. Morgan), 66-1 L. Wells, 8 ran.

**STARFORM: KILLAGHY CASTLE Dgr: Inaro**
**2.10 PENTINS BUSINESS SOLUTIONS HANDICAP CHASE**

 Class D (12 fences) 2m (8 runners) £6,783  
 1 WINSLEY (40) (D, F, G, S)

 2 O. Sherwood 11 12  
 3 BALLYROBERT (25) (D, G, S)  
 4 C. Egerston 8 11 6  
 5 FANTASMIC (199) (D, G, S)  
 6 Miss J. Gibney 9 11 3  
 7 MASTER T (10) (F, G)  
 8 G. L. Moore 6 11 2  
 9 I D TECHNOLOGY (9) (D, G)  
 10 G. L. Moore 9 11 2  
 11 LORENT EXPRESS (256) (D, G, S)  
 12 Miss V Williams 6 10 7  
 13 GREEN GAMBLE (22) (D, F)  
 14 D. Feek 5 10 5  
 15 JUPON VERT (8) (D, F, S)  
 16 R. Hodges 8 10 4  
 17 T. Scudamore 4 10 5

 Star Betting:— 5-2 Winsley, 4 Ballyrobert, Master T, 5 Green Gamble, 13-2 Jupon Vert, 10 Lorent Express, 16 Fantasmic, 20 I D Technology.  
 2004: Sharmy, 8-11-12, (D. R. Dennis, 4-1) I. Williams, 5 ran.

**STARFORM: WINSLEY Dgr: Master T**
**TOP TRAINERS**

(with runners) M Pimman 12 winners, (25% strike rate), +£4.28, N Henderson 10, (40%), +£9.55, R Rowe 10, (13%), +£12.00, Miss V Williams 9, (22%), +£1.87, G. L. Moore 7, (11%), +£26.38, O. Sherwood 5, (25%), +£0.38, A. Hales 4, (25%), +£11.00, C. Mann 4, (18%), +£4.67, L. Wells 4, (14%), +£47.55, J. Mullins 4, (9%), +£18.75, F. Murphy 3, (19%), +£3.25, Miss E. Laveille 3, (21%), +£4.25, Jonjo O'Neill 2, (10%), +£5.50, N. Gifford 2, (22%), +£6.00, J. R. Best 2, (7%), +£2.00, R. Hodges 2, (15%), +£5.50.

**2.40 MARES' ONLY HANDICAP HURDLE**

 Class D (10 flights) 2m1/4f (7 runners) £5,062  
 1 FLOREANA (9) (F, G)

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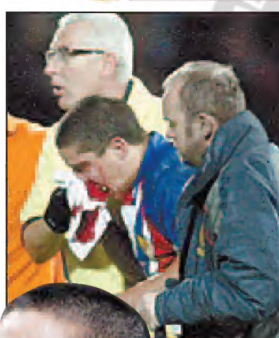
21; J Goldstein 21; P Makin 21;  
Darren Williams 20; Dane O'Neill 2  
W Hutchinson 19; G Supple 19; De  
McKeown 19; N Chalmers 19.

Folkstone L-Leicester		Dheidahad	L	350	Konker	L	320	Rhapsody Rose	L	2,200
W-Wampton		Dusty Dane	F	1240	Lady of Fortune	F	240	Riffles	F	2,400
Adey's Belle	F	Eau Pure	L	320	Lannigans Lock	L	140	Riffman	F	1,500
Adolph Theatre	F	Ebony Jack	F	110	Larngs	W	300	Rifle Rye	F	1,400
Adrian's	W	Edith	F	1,100	Lein Plin	F	300	Rights of Man	F	1,400
Ansionssariyso	W	Elfrirk	F	240	Leah's Pride	W	300	River of Diamonds	W	1,400
Alainst John	W	Espindidos	L	120	Leith Hill Star	F	240	Road Raider	L	1,500
Alouette	W	Ewar Finch	W	230	Lick Tackle	F	340	Rotuma	W	2,000
Alumee	L	Fairlytale of York	W	130	Lone Rider	F	340	Rude Health	L	1,200
Alumee	L	Fantastical	W	1,100	Lorancey	F	2,400	Rugby Bishop	L	1,200
Amurula Ridge	L	Femme D'Avill	F	1240	Lord of Adventure	F	1240	Sanglovese	L	1,400
Amberlina	W	First De La Brunie	L	320	Lorient Express	F	240	Sasso	F	12,400
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W-Stratium	W	Flying Pennine	W	240	Lucefer	W	230	Shave Silver	W	2,400
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Avraser	W	Fynesse Favourite	W	400	Lynford Lady	W	300	Sholto	W	3,000
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Balkaline	L	Future Legend	L	350	Magari	W	400	Showtime Annie	W	4,000
Ballyroberty	F	Gallas	W	430	Magic Amour	W	300	Sierra	W	2,300
Ballyroberty United	W	Golden Spectrum	W	500	Magico	W	300	Single Track Mind	W	4,000
Becky's Bang	W	Get Smart	L	320	Major Miller	F	340	Sn Cumerfence	L	12,500
Big Mystery	W	Ghadames	L	250	Marjina	F	240	Snakebite	F	1,400
Black Shan	F	Glasker Mill	L	140	Master T	F	210	Sole Agent	F	12,400
Blaise Wood	L	Golden Green	F	340	Mays	L	350	Sovereign Gate	F	12,400
Blue Mariner	L	Golden Spectrum	W	500	Melania	L	350	St Barhan	L	1,200
Bobering	W	Green Gamble	F	210	Mickmacmagoolie	W	300	Strathlay	L	1,500
Bold Maggle	W	Guadiana	W	300	Mighty Kitchener	W	1,300	Successor	W	2,000
Bold Phoenix	W	Gustavo	L	350	Millenarie	F	310	Successor	F	2,000
Bradley Boy	F	Hadlovsky	L	250	Minperse	L	350	Suglant	W	12,400
Brady	W	Hambambambamb	W	400	Mishobash	W	300	Super King	W	4,300
Buffalo King	F	Harroty	W	250	Moofaw	L	220	Susliedi	W	2,300
Burning Hill	W	Hazel Bank Lass	L	120	Mr Excel	W	1,300	Sweet Coona	L	1,200
Burghen Moon	L	He's A Star	F	1240	Muthabab	W	300	Tactia	L	3,200
Burnt Out	F	Hiers De Brouge	L	320	Muntani	L	350	Talpan Tomy	W	1,200
Castle Field	F	Millon	L	350	Nice Bad	F	110	There Is No Doubt	F	1,400
Castle Frome	L	Hill Forts Henry	L	1,200	No Boo	W	400	The Wife's Sister	L	1,200
Cautiously	W	Hollywood Henry	W	430	My Lilli	W	430	Tigers Foot	W	4,300
Cayman Breeze	W	Homellie	L	350	Mytton's Dream	W	300	Time For You	L	1,500
Channers Dante	F	Humility	W	330	Najca De Thaix	L	350	Top Dog	W	3,400
Channahrille	L	Ice And Fire	W	230	New Leader	F	110	Trigonometry	F	3,400
Cherry Kings	W	Ice And Fire	W	230	Nice Bad	F	110	Tropical Son	W	4,000
Classic Lesae	W	ID Technology	F	210	Nobodys Perfect	F	240	Ultimate Limit	L	12,500
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# RUGBY LEAGUE: Deacon injury hell



# LIONS ARE SPITTING BLOOD



**AGONY:** Paul Deacon is carried off (above) with a smashed face after grabbing a try against the Kiwis

**SKIPPER** Jamie Peacock revealed the full horror of the injury to team-mate Paul Deacon after the battle-scarred Lions routed New Zealand to dramatically revive their hopes of reaching the Tri-Nations final.

Scrum-half Deacon had his face smashed in a tackle by Kiwi stand-off Nigel Vagana and is out of next Saturday's cliffhanger at Hull, where victory over holders and world champions Australia by at least three points would put Britain through to the final.

However, the Bradford star's nose is badly broken and there is major damage to the cheekbone.

"It was one of the worst injuries I've ever seen, and the team doctor told us that it could have been life-threatening," said Peacock.

by **MARTIN RICHARDS**

Great Britain **38**  
New Zealand **12**

## Report

"It wasn't a nasty thing and it didn't come off normal play.

"I'm not a big fan of that sort of stuff but I can't say too much. We will let the judiciary handle it."

Vagana was put on report for the incident which will be viewed on video by a disciplinary panel this afternoon.

"You don't like to see a player hurt like that and I hope he's all right but, unfortunately, we are not playing netball," said Vagana.

"It's a contact sport and these things happen but there was certainly no intent. It's going to be a long 48 hours for me."

**Second-rower Paul Johnson said:** "The injury was really bad. Paul's face was broken and could have gone inwards."

"He had been playing really well, answering his

critics. He is a friend and I hope it's all right. It's not what you want to see in a game."

Deacon is known as 'Baby Face' to the Bradford fans, and Lions and Bulls coach Brian Noble said: "He's in pretty bad shape."

"I had a commitment to his mum that his face wouldn't get changed, so that was the only disappointing element for me."

"He had proved a lot of people wrong and his kicking game was excellent."

Britain, with man of the match Stuart Fielden again showing why he is the best prop in the world, dominated in defence and attack, with Chev Walker and Leon Pryce having their best games for the Lions.

Peacock added: "The first half was the best 40 minutes I've had in a Great Britain shirt."

"It's a big ask next week but we've beaten Australia before. We've



**HERO:** Brian Carney goes over

come back superbly in this tournament after so many people have written us off.

"The second half was a bit scrappy but we are back in it with a big shout."

## Tweaked

Britain also have injury doubts over two-try winger Brian Carney, who tweaked a hamstring after burying the nightmare of his error-plagued show against the Kiwis a fortnight ago, and full

back Paul Wellens, who damaged a knee. Carney has the best chance of playing at Hull.

**Wellens commented:** "I picked up the ball and took a whack on the knee and felt something give a little."

"We will have to see how it responds to treatment but I am still hopeful of playing."

"It was a brilliant performance by the guys."

Noble added: "We have improved on last week."

"We were very deter-

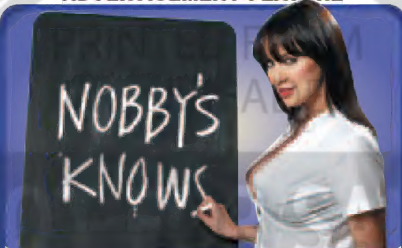
mined and showed some good football and a bit of pace."

"It was down to a lot of hard work by the players. Points weren't the issue for us. We went out to win. Now we have just got to win next week."

## Final

A victory by between three and eight points would see them play Australia - but winning by nine or more would bring New Zealand back for the final.

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### ACROSS

1. Sport of Chicago White Sox (8)
2. Park, home of Blackburn Rovers (5)
3. Athlete, Grand National winner in 1995 (5)
4. Chelsea and Ghana midfielder (6)
5. Men's 1500 metres world champion in 1983 (4)
6. Cars, American motor racing series (4)
7. Newcastle United and England midfielder (6)
8. Angel, motorcyclist who won 13 world championships (5)
9. Venue of the San Marino Grand Prix (5)
10. Aston Villa and Denmark goalkeeper (8)

### DOWN

1. The ..., nickname of Celtic (5)
2. Venue of the 2000 Olympic Games (6)
3. Football League Division Two club (4)
4. Road, home of Colchester United (5)
5. Ballesteros, famous Spanish golfer (9)
6. Robert Croft's cricket county (9)
7. Hywel, Grand National winning jockey in 1985 (6)
8. Forlan, Uruguay striker (5)
9. Aston Villa, Arsenal, Leicester City and England defender (5)
10. Maurice, former WBC lightweight champion (4)



## 5 FOR FUN

1. Which Rangers player scored in 10 consecutive Premier League matches in the 1997-98 season?
2. Which Australian city will host the Commonwealth Games in 2006?
3. Which American, a future Ryder Cup captain, broke the record for the Old Course at St Andrews, with a 62 in the 1987 Dunhill Cup?
4. What is the name of the race between Newcastle and South Shields over a distance of 13.1 miles?

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## RUGBY UNION: Happy Hodgson



**ON THE MARK:** England's Mark Cueto salutes the fans after his late try



**ON TARGET:** Stylish Charlie Hodgson had one of his best games for England

## England's

**ENGLAND put one foot firmly back on the ladder to world domination with a bruising win over the Australians.**

It was a performance of size and power as England's pack rode roughshod over the Aussie forwards for a commanding victory.

And for one of the first times in living memory England not only beat the old enemy but bullied them around the Twickenham turf in a real exhibition of strength.

As if losing the Ashes wasn't enough torment for the Aussies, England prop Andrew Sheridan and his front row buddies piled on the misery in a simply awesome display of forward thinking.

England were in control at every scrum and line-out, and the only surprise was that the victory margin wasn't wider.

### Tank

Big Ben Cohen and Mark Cueto were the two England try scorers, one in each half, proving that there was more in the tank than just forward power.

And although he left the field with a groin injury midway through the second-half, Charlie Hodgson was a marvel at fly-half, pulling the strings with effortless mastery.

Hodgson said: "I think

**by DEAN WILSON**

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today was the evidence of the ease I now feel in the England side, and it was probably one of my best games.

"The more time you spend and play within a squad the happier you become and the more opportunity I get to play for England the better things will get.

"I'm playing some of my best rugby at the moment, but it is a team effort that gets results and you could see that everyone was doing their bit, especially the forwards. The for-

# leads the way

# as Aussies are bushwhacked

**TIME IS RIGHT FOR BIG BEN:** Twickenham erupts as Ben Cohen goes over for a try to delight under-fire coach Andy Robinson (far right)



## All Blacks on power surge

MALCOLM O'Kelly has warned England to beware of All Black power after the tourists steamrollered Ireland. The British and Irish Lions second row admitted the All Blacks juggernaut reduced Ireland to playing for pride even before half time. And O'Kelly expects the All Blacks to be world champions after cruising to a crushing 45-7 win at Lansdowne Road with an experimental side.

### Score

"We didn't get any possession early on and they were soon 20 points up before we had any opportunity," said O'Kelly. "When they're that far ahead they can play glamorous rugby and when that happens we're in trouble. "By half-time it was all over. We stood up in the second half and started

by IAIN STEWART

pushing things and eventually the try came from Marcus Horan." All five Kiwi tries came from backs - wingers Sitiveni Sivivatu and Doug Howlett crossed twice and scrum-half Piri Weepu added a fifth. In an ominous warning to England, O'Kelly added: "New Zealand were bigger and more physical than we were. "They're used to breaking tackles and then giving off passes. But they're not just stronger. "Every one of their players is dangerous and can score tries from anywhere so we were chasing shadows at times. "They used a mixture of first and second-string players but still gave us a serious lesson. "They're a young side but they're looking good for the World Cup."

## bully boys send warning to Kiwis

wards were just awesome out there. That is where games are won and lost and I thought the pack were magnificent.

"I play with Sheri week in week out up at Sale and I've seen him do that to opposition front rows before, but it's great watching him do it for England." Luckily for England, Hodgson should be fit in time for New Zealand next Saturday and he will be keen to build on the platform they're now set.

### Running

Australia were poor up front, but still showed glimpses of what they could do with full-back Chris Latham and their try scorer Drew Mitchell full of running.

England know they still have to improve if they are to stop the Kiwi juggernaut from racking up a third successive win on tour.

With the forwards in rude health and confidence

among the squad sky high, captain Martin Corry is expecting a cracker. He said: "New Zealand will be another step up and a whole different challenge.

"We're not taking it lightly but we'll sort that out on Monday. You have to look at their results and you know they are a great side. But are they beatable? Yes.

"We want to be ruthless when it comes to playing at Twickenham, and now we've ticked Australia off we have to concentrate on New Zealand and the challenge they pose."

**England coach Andy Robinson insists he is unaffected by the criticism heaped on him since succeeding Sir Clive Woodward.**

Robinson is adamant he will simply get on with his job and told BBC Radio Five: "You have got to accept that - it's part of being in the job.

"No, I don't feel under pressure. I've got to be

truthful to myself and to the team and the management and the coaches. And if we are true to ourselves, then I believe England can move forward.

"This is about the players. It's not about me. I was pleased it was a big win for England, the country as a whole, and, most importantly, the players.

"I love the role I do and I'm thoroughly enjoying it, but the game is about the players.

### Excited

"I didn't go in there feeling any pressure. I went in there excited about how England were going to perform, and I thought in patches we were superb.

"Games of rugby are not won by coaches; games of rugby are won by the players on the pitch.

"The game was won because of the power of the front five and the superb execution of our backs to finish off two tries."

by DEAN WILSON

ENGLAND boss Andy Robinson has called on the International Rugby Board to change the laws of the game to stop scrums from becoming uncontested.

Australia struggled to deal with England's scrum all game and it finally told with 15 minutes to go when an injury and a yellow card to their two props left them unable to compete.

Referee Joel Jutge had no option but to revert to uncontested scrums, giving the Aussies a break from the mauling they were getting from Andy Sheridan and Phil Vickery.

### Safety

Robinson understands the need for safety first, but he is also keen to see the laws develop to recognise the importance of the scrum.

Robinson said: "The need to have more front row forwards on the bench is something we will have to look at.

"At present the laws are as they stand and we must work within that.

"But if you have eight players on the bench with three front row forwards

## Robbo wants switch in law

then that's another thing that could be looked at. It could have been a serious impediment to us if the scrums had become uncontested earlier.

"It is important it is looked at by the IRB, but it needs to be a proper discussion about the importance of the scrum.

"What we mustn't do is take away the scrum.

"Over the last five years scrummaging has gone out of fashion in the way that the games have been refereed.

"Scrummaging is an integral part of the game and we must never take away the value of the scrum.

"Therefore the laws have to be looked at to make sure we keep moving forward."

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## British best tames Tiger

by PETER LAING

DAVID HOWELL beat world No.1 Tiger Woods to become Britain's best golfer.

Howell, described by Woods as a 'cool dude', climbed to 13th in the world after his win over Woods in Shanghai.

The 30-year-old from Swindon went head to head with Woods to land the HSBC Champions tournament by three strokes.

Howell, round in 68 for a 20-under-par total of 268, moves up from 19th.

### Plans

He is now above fellow Englishman Luke Donald, Ireland's Padraig Harrington and Scot Colin Montgomerie.

After this event, he sits third in the Ryder Cup standings behind Sergio Garcia and Montgomerie and he can now start making plans for a second cap against the Americans next September.

Howell said: "I was like



HOWELL: Smacker

a swan – all serene at the top, but paddling like hell underneath."

And he told Woods, who had scored 70: "We are all honoured to have a chance to beat you."

Meanwhile, Woods congratulated Darren Clarke on his first win of 2005 after the Ulsterman retained his Taiheiyo Masters title in Japan.

Clarke's wife Heather has been suffering with cancer and Woods said: "To go through that with the person who's closest to you is so hard."

"I can't begin to imagine the things Darren has to deal with."

## Aussie star dies

by PETER OAKES

KING'S LYNN speedway star Ashley Jones has been killed in a track crash in his native Australia.

Jones, 24, suffered fatal head injuries while racing in an inter-state match for Victoria against New South Wales at Myrtleford Showground on Saturday night.

He was a member of the King's Lynn side that won both the Knockout Cup and Young Shield play-offs last season and was having his first races since returning home to Australia earlier this month.

Lynn co-promoter Keith Chapman said: "Our deepest sympathies go out to his family and friends."

FORMER F1 world champion Nigel Mansell won the first 16-car GP Masters race in South Africa following a terrific battle with old Brazilian rival Emerson Fittipaldi at Kyalami yesterday. Mansell's former Williams F1 teammate Ricardo Patrese was third ahead of fellow Italian Andrea De Cesaris, with Britain's Derek Warwick fifth.

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# ENGLAND'S



TONDERFUL: Trescothick celebrates his century

## Bell answers the call with vital knock

by RODNEY WHITE

IAN BELL went from zero to hero in the course of a single day's Test cricket yesterday.

Bell, who finished England's glorious Ashes summer with a pair at The Oval, admitted he expected to be a spectator as England began their Test series in Pakistan.

The Warwickshire batsman followed below-par Ashes form with a wretched start to the Pakistan tour.

He even managed to get himself bowled by the team doctor in one confidence-shattering net session.

### Work

Bell avoided the axe only because of Michael Vaughan's knee injury. But it all came right for him yesterday when he stepped into Vaughan's No.3 role to make 71.

"To be bowled by the doc isn't the most pleasant of feelings and I've been scratching around a little bit," said Bell.

"It's been hard work, character-building."

Bell expected the Test axe after being left out of England's final warm-up match against Pakistan A.

"Of course, it was disappointing to think I wasn't going to be in the team," he added.

"But, in a way, sometimes it is not a bad position to be in. There

was no pressure on me – I just had to go out there and play.

"I could just relax and think: 'whatever happens happens'."

The 23-year-old recovered from a nightmare run of six runs in his last four Test innings to feature in a second-wicket stand of 180 with deputy captain Marcus Trescothick.

"Marcus really helped me, he was always talking to me," added Bell.

"It helped me to be out there with someone so experienced."

"I was disappointed with the summer."

"I still back myself to be a good player and I wanted to prove to people that I can play at this level. I want to do it for a long time, too."

### Call

"It was obviously a big one for me with Vaughan's injury – and it's nice for me to get the confidence back."

Bell finally fell to a bat-pad catch by Shoaib Malik.

Earlier he had been reprieved on 62 by a correct no-ball call from umpire Billy Bowden when Shoaib Akhtar bamboozled him with a slower ball.



BAT'S THE WAY: Tresco hits out as he closes in on his 13th Test century

## as tourists take control of Test

BATTING  
TRES-UREfrom RODNEY WHITE  
in Multan

MARCUS TRES-COTTHICK put England in command against Pakistan with his 13th Test century as Michael Vaughan's absence brought a silver lining for Duncan Fletcher.

Deputy skipper Trescottick showed the responsibility of leadership is no problem with an unbeaten 135 and, thanks to his partnership with Ian Bell, England are in the driving seat.

Coach Fletcher planned to axe Bell after his Ashes series flops but the Warwickshire batsman not only won a reprieve but moved up to fill Vaughan's berth at No.3 and cracked 71 vital runs.

## Threat

Trescottick and Bell added 180 for the second wicket to lay the foundations for England to finish the second day on 253-3, just 21 behind Pakistan and with big-hitters Kevin Pietersen and Andrew Flintoff to come.

Tresco and Bell came together after the early loss of Andrew Strauss, first seeing off the new-ball threat of Shoaib Akhtar and then meeting the challenge of Danish Kaneria's leg spin.

Bell - who has had a nightmare run of six runs in his last four Test innings - grabbed the chance presented to him by Vaughan's knee trouble.

Trescottick had lost Bell by the time he reached three figures from 164 balls, having hit 13 fours and one six with sensible shot selection on a docile pitch requiring patience from batsmen but offering no assistance to bowlers.

Bell hardly looked a man under threat with a hard-working but confident innings which had just begun to lose momentum when he was finally shifted by off-spinner Shoaib Malik.

## Anxious

He had been reprieved on 62 by a no-ball call from umpire Billy Bowden - fast bowler Shoaib surprising the batsman with a slower, full-length off-break which sneaked between his pads to hit middle-stump.

When Bell went soon afterwards - caught bat and pad off Malik - there was again a suspicion of a no-ball.

Trescottick also had an anxious moment on 94, although it was barely a half-chance to Kamran Akmal as a Malik off-break took the outside edge but gained no height and hit the wicket-keeper's pad just below his gloves.

Mohammad Sami made the early breakthrough for Pakistan with the wicket of Strauss in only



THE NICK OF TIME: Bell sweeps on the way to his 71



IN 'N OUT: Flintoff has Inzamam-ul-Haq caught by Strauss

the fourth over. Strauss hit Sami for two boundaries in three balls then the pace bowler got one through his back-foot defence to win a clear lbw verdict.

At 18-1, England needed to show some stability to make Pakistan pay for squandering favourable batting conditions on the first day.

Trescottick and Bell did not let their team down, each keeping their concentration in oppressive heat and missing few

obvious scoring chances when Pakistan were off target. The late dismissal of Paul Collingwood, edging one behind when Shabbir Ahmed got the ball to leave him off the pitch, just took the edge off the tourists' day.

## Vital

England had earlier made short work of finishing off the Pakistan innings, taking 11 overs to grab the last four wickets. Matthew Hoggard and Andrew Flintoff made

## SCOREBOARD

Overnight: Pakistan 244-6 (Salman Butt 74).

Pakistan 1st Inns cont  
Inzamam c Strauss b Flintoff 53  
Sami c G O Jones b Hoggard 1  
Akhtar not out 10  
Ahmed b Flintoff 0  
Kaneria c Giles b Harrison 6  
Extras b lbw nb11 19  
Total (98.2 overs) 274  
Fall: 1-80 2-161 3-166 4-181 5-183  
6-238 7-244 8-260 9-260  
Bowling: Hoggard 22-4-55-2  
Harrison 16-5-57-3 Flintoff 23-5-68-4  
Collingwood 4-1-15-0. Giles 16-3-44-0  
Udal 17-3-47-1.

England 1st Inns  
Trescottick not out 135  
Strauss lbw b Mohammad Sami 9  
Bell c Salman Butt b Shoaib Malik 71  
Collingwood c Kamran Akmal b Shabbir Ahmed 10  
Hoggard not out 0  
Extras b lbw nb14 28  
Total 3 wks (98 overs) 253  
Fall: 1-18 2-198 3-251  
To Bat: K P Pietersen, A Flintoff, G O Jones, A F Giles, S D Udal, S J Harrison  
Bowling: Shoaib Akhtar 15-2-48-0  
Mohammad Sami 10-1-49-1. Shabbir Ahmed 13-3-21-1. Danish Kaneria 16-2-60-0. Shoaib Malik 14-1-50-1.

good use of the second new ball to see off the hosts. The vital scalp of captain Inzamam-ul-Haq (53), who completed his half-century in only 90 balls, went to Andrew Flintoff (4-69).

He had Inzamam neatly caught by Strauss at second slip.

Number 11 Kaneria cut Stephen Harrison's second ball to gully to complete a Pakistan collapse with the last nine home wickets falling for 113 runs.

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(Sheehan International, Shanghai, China) - leading final totals (GB and Ireland unless stated, par 72): 268 D Howell 68, 271 T Woods (USA) 70, 274 N Dougherty 69, N O'Hanlon (Aus) 73, 275 V Singh (Fiji) 69, T Bjorn (Den) 70, 276 P Casey 68, 277 J-F Remesy (Fra) 70, T Wirachant (Tha) 73, 278 M Campbell (NZ) 73, 279 P Lawrie 69, 280 L Westwood 80, A Atwal (Ind) 68, KJ Choi (Kor) 70, 281 P Harrington 68, S Webster 68, T Jaidoe (Ire) 68, P O'Malley (Aus) 72, 282 P Broadhurst 68, J Bickerton 70, S Bowditch (Aus) 71, R-J Darkson (Nld) 73, I Poulter 73, P Hanson (Swe) 73, 283 N Fasth (Swe) 70, T Aiken (Rsa) 70, P Marksang (Tha) 68, R Sterne (Rsa) 67, R Jacquelin (Fra) 71, K Ferrie 74, Z Lian-Wei (Chn) 75.

Mitsui Sumitomo VISA Taiheyo Masters (Taiheyo Golf Club, Shizuoka, Japan) - leading final totals (Jpn unless stated, par 72): 270 D Clarke (Nrl) 68, 272 M Tatemasa 67, 274 H Kase 72, 276 D Chand (Fiji) 69, K Imai 68, 277 Y-C Yang (Kor) 66, 278 D Maruyama 69, T Tazawa 69, T Suzuki 69, 280 S (Kor) 71, H Sasaki 71, T Takahashi 70, 280 T Taniguchi 68, K Miyamoto 72, N Kawahara 65, R Oda 72, 282 A Yano 67, J-O Kim (Sin) 68, Y Miyazato 73, S Conran (Aus) 75, K Miyamoto 70, K Hosokawa 68, Scott Laycock (Aus) 71.

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ARGENTINA last night rubbished England's chances of World Cup glory.

Argie coach Jose Pekerman told England to enjoy their moment but was quick to offer a warning.

"We did not lose a football match tonight, we lost the last three minutes."

"We are not getting carried away in defeat and England must not get carried away in winning. The big test is to come and we would win the next time."

"England are a tough team and this is their moment. Has it come too early?"

"I suggest England enjoy their moment for, surely, Argentina will win next time."

Chelsea's Hernan Crespo said: "We did not deserve to lose the game but when you play a great footballing nation there is always a danger you will."

"This result had nothing to do with the World Cup."

**Penalty**

"It was, however, a clear penalty just before the winning goal when the referee decided that Steve Gerrard's tackle was fair."

"He had decided a draw was a better result. He was wrong. In a World Cup that decision would have been a penalty to us. Then they broke away and scored."

"I admit that both sides wanted to win the game badly and we had a lot of chances to do it."

"I hope Chelsea pick me on Saturday against Newcastle for surely Michael Owen can't do this again. It will be my turn."

Crespo says he is happy at Chelsea and that his relationship with coach Jose Mourinho is not a problem. "I do not need to talk with Mourinho. There is no problem. Why should there be after only two defeats? I am ready to play."

**WORLD-BEATERS:** Michael Owen celebrates his late winner with Wayne Rooney

**Wayne's Pat on the back**

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need to learn a lot. He has so many expectations and sometimes people forget how young he is."

But Vieira still hasn't forgotten or forgiven his series of run-ins with Van Nistelrooy, which nearly exploded into violence two years ago when Vieira was sent off for fouling the Dutchman, who later missed a penalty and was mobbed by Arsenal players.

Van Nistelrooy has already warned he might sue Vieira for calling him a cheat but he repeated the slur saying: "He's a cheat."

"Maybe someone would say I'm going too far - but that's what I think. I base it on how he behaves on the pitch. I have more

respect for a player like Roy Keane because he will face everything."

"He will have something to say to you, he will confront you and he will say to you what he wants to say."

But he admitted the Arsenal players, led by Martin Keown, were wrong in the way they treated Van Nistelrooy at the end of the match.

He added: "Of course when you do something wrong, you always realise it."

"But you obviously realise it too late because you have done it already."

"I didn't say that we behave at the best, because of course we were wrong to behave that way."

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# to make us believe we can win in Germany



from BRIAN WOOLNOUGH in Geneva

IT'S a double act that could become a national treasure ... like The Two Ronnies or Morecambe and Wise.

England fans are suddenly laughing all the way to the World Cup and, with Michael Owen and Wayne Rooney together, anything can happen in Germany.

The last-minute drama here on Saturday night was more than a victory over Argentina. It was a morale-boosting shot in the arm for England in the countdown to the World Cup.

They discovered that with Rooney and Owen they can beat anyone. More significantly, they fear no-one.

*With just three friendlies to go before England's first match, Sven Goran Eriksson and the boys are in good shape. This was the scalp they wanted.*

Now Sven and every supporter must hope and pray that Owen and Rooney stay fit and arrive in Germany unscathed. They hold the key.

They can unlock any door. England will concede goals but they also know with these two they can outscore anyone.

Eriksson purred with satisfaction as he said: "Owen is 25 and has been around for years. Has there ever been anyone like Rooney at 20?"

"They are two world-class talents playing for England."

"When you have them together there is always a chance to win the game, whatever the circumstances."

## Huge

For Rooney this was a massive match. He discovered that some of the best defenders around are scared of him.

And, as they attempted to rattle his concentration with acts of spoiling and dirty tricks, he kept his head.

Manchester United's 20-year-old is already one of the finest talents around and the World Cup will be a huge occasion for him.

If England are to win, then Rooney will emerge as the player of the tournament. He and Owen spell danger.

Eriksson added: "With Rooney anything can happen. He is like a volcano with his talent waiting to erupt."

"When he drops deep without anyone marking him it is incredible. There is nothing he can't do. He shoots, plays people in, causes problems. He's incredible."

"Owen was quiet for long periods and then pow, goal."

"This is the best squad of players I have had under my control and I just hope I can take everyone I want to the World Cup."

"It meant a lot to the team to win the game and it will mean a big difference going into the tournament. Every day since Wednesday I told them, 'This is no ordinary friendly.'"

*England have had Gary Lineker and Peter Beardsley, then Teddy Sheringham and Alan Shearer but this is different, something special.*

Owen, the master striker with 35 goals to his name, and Rooney, a one-off, a player who only comes around once in a lifetime.

Rooney said: "It was a big

# ROO TWO WILL RULE THE WORLD

DEADLY DUO: Owen and Rooney show their delight at beating Argentina

experience for me and a big result for the team. Argentina are a great passing team and had a lot of possession.

"We had to get the ball, make our shape right and once we did that they couldn't live with us. We wanted to run at them, raise the tempo and get them to commit."

## Magic

"I learned so much in this game about myself and defenders. The win gives us confidence and, if we keep playing like this, we are going to have a great World Cup."

Rooney's magic moment was not his goal but in the second half when he aggressively won a challenge and then instinctively tried to chip the goalkeeper from outside the area. God-given talent. Only a superb save stopped one of the great international moments.

And what happens if one of them is injured? Peter Crouch will go on.

Eriksson rates him as an alternative super-sub and Argentina were clearly bemused by his towering lamp-post presence.

Rooney said: "I doubt if we would have won had Crouch not come on. They were more concerned about him and forgot about Michael."

"Crouch was brilliant when he came on and it gave us a different attacking option."

"He has taken stick in recent weeks but kept his head down, worked hard and was the main influence in winning the game."

"When Michael scored the winning goal the defender was more worried about Crouch. The smallest player on the pitch gets two headers."

The fourth striker in the squad is Jermain Defoe but,

again, Rooney and Owen must play if England are to have a chance.

The rest of the side is taking shape. Gary Neville and Ashley Cole will be the full-backs and Eriksson has made it clear Ledley King will only play the holding midfield role against top attacking sides like Argentina.

## Proved

Against the rest he must persuade either Frank Lampard or Steve Gerrard to do it.

"They are both reluctant because they enjoy their freedom," added Sven.

"It is no problem and Gerrard can play anywhere, as he proved against Argentina."

Eriksson clearly wants Rio Ferdinand as one of his main centre-halves and hinted he left him out against Austria to teach him a lesson. "Maybe,"

he said carefully. "I selected him this time on form after watching him against Chelsea."

*"Sol Campbell is not yet 100 per cent. He is a big man and needs more time to reach his peak. Centre-half is not a problem. Any two of the three can play."*

So, here we are, three friendlies from the World Cup, with real optimism.

Eriksson has survived the early-season chaos and England are improving, from Austria, Poland and now this victory over Argentina.

It was achieved because of the desire and spirit of the team - and two forwards who are a partnership made in heaven.

England discovered on Saturday night they can beat anyone. Now can they do it when it really matters? Hopes this morning are much higher.

## Becks: Now it's time to believe

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special bond which can help them win the World Cup in Germany next summer.

The Real Madrid ace added: "It has always been good with this manager and these players but especially tonight. You have to have great belief in your manager to win."

"I hope people look at this result and take note of our belief. We had that at Manchester United. We always felt we could get back and tonight it was the same, and when we scored to make it 2-2, I felt we could get another."

"It meant a lot to me and it meant a lot to the whole nation. Even though it was a friendly we can enjoy the performance and the win."

"We can take a lot of confidence - we didn't just create a lot of chances and score three goals."

"The players realise that if we take this performance and this togetherness into the World Cup, then we'll be fine."

"You always feel confident when you have a goalkeeper behind you who is stopping shots the way Paul (Robinson) was in the first half. When you have got that, you have the confidence to go out and play."

## Perfect

"I said at half-time that it felt like a proper World Cup game. That was partly to do with the opposition and a lot to do with the fans out there. The atmosphere was electric and the players responded."

"It was the perfect game to start our preparations for the World Cup."

But Becks warned: "We need to play like this and work like this in the remaining friendlies. The atmosphere was a lot more relaxed around this game, and that was mainly because we have qualified."

Beckham laughed off pre-match taunts from the Argentina squad claiming: "It's better to sing when you're winning."

The Argentinians called England players "fags" and "whores" as they arrived on their coach.

The South Americans also famously taunted England after they beat them in the 1998 World Cup on penalties - when Becks was sent off.

England now have their revenge after winning in Japan in 2002, and here on Saturday.

Becks fired back: "These things happen. It happened on their bus after the 1998 World Cup but we are just going to enjoy the victory."

"What happens outside the game doesn't really interest me. We have shown the togetherness we need for the World Cup."

"Better that they are singing before the game than afterwards. We would take that every time."

# Roo's Pat on back

■ by STEVE ACTESON

PATRICK VIEIRA believes Wayne Rooney could become England's greatest star ever.

But the former Arsenal legend is still carrying on his war with Rooney's Manchester United strike partner Ruud van Nistelrooy — again calling him a cheat!

Speaking on Sky News yesterday, Juventus star Vieira heaped praise on 20-year-old Rooney after his fantastic performance against Argentina.

## Talent

He said: "He is one of the best talents in the country and has the potential to be one of the best in the future."

"When you have a talent, that does not mean that you make a career. Making a career is a difference between players who play for one, two or three years and those who make 10, 15 years at the top level. That is a great player."

"Rooney has the potential to be one of the best English players ever, but he will

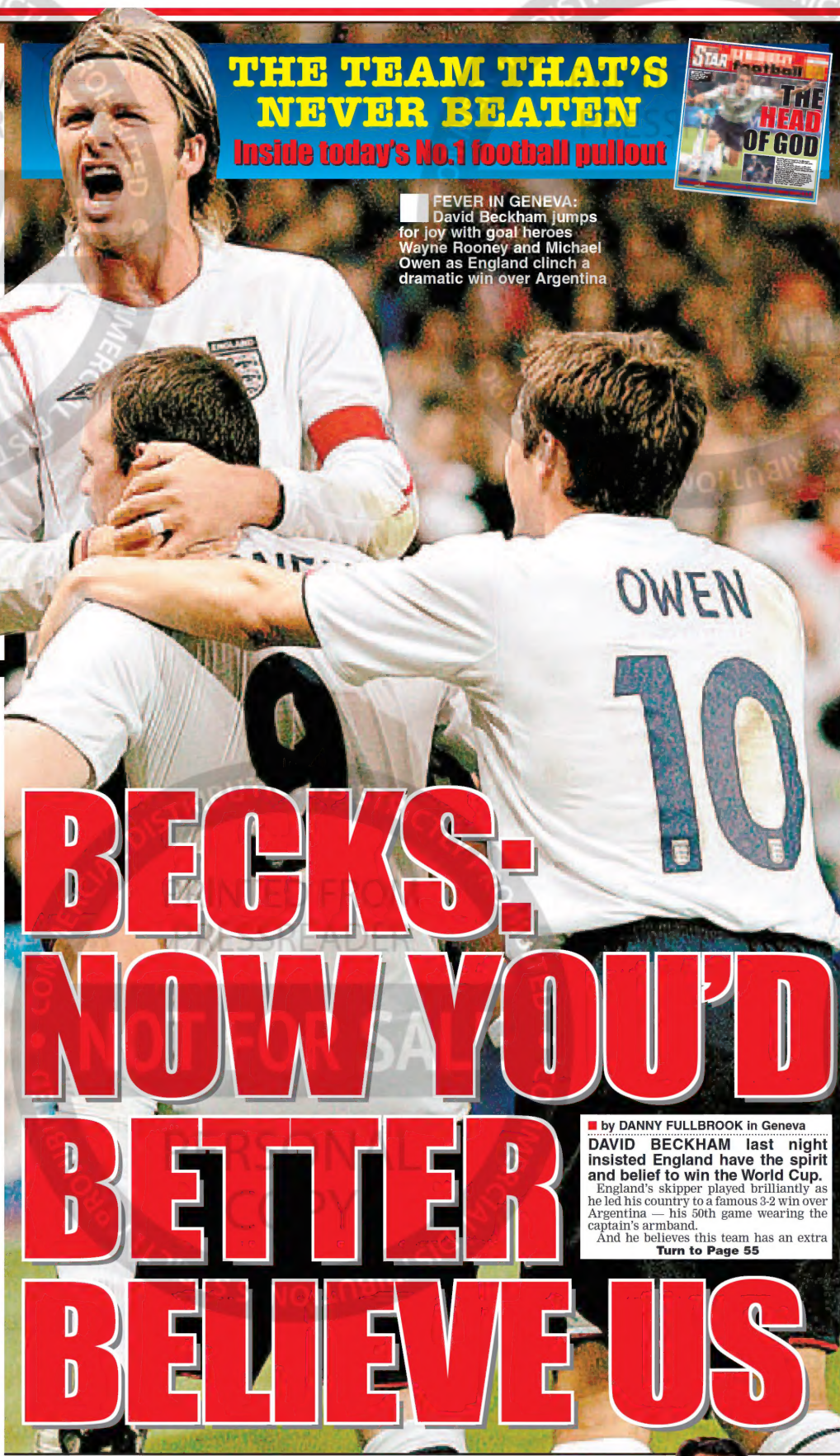
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David Beckham jumps for joy with goal heroes Wayne Rooney and Michael Owen as England clinch a dramatic win over Argentina



# BECKS: NOW YOU'D BETTER BELIEVE US

■ by DANNY FULLBROOK in Geneva

**DAVID BECKHAM** last night insisted England have the spirit and belief to win the World Cup.

England's skipper played brilliantly as he led his country to a famous 3-2 win over Argentina — his 50th game wearing the captain's armband.

And he believes this team has an extra

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